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AMEMBASSY PARIS FOR UNESCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PERM REP STATUS FOR PLO AT UNESCO

REF: STATE 80985

1. ON APRIL 11 EMBOFF CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF PARAS 1 AND
2 REFTEL TO FRG FONOFF OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF SPECIALIZED
UN AGENCIES, AND ASKED FOR HIS VIEWS ON ITEMS COVERED IN
PARA 4 REFTEL.

2. OUR CONTACT REPLIED THAT THE FRG STRONGLY OPPOSES
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THE IDEA OF PERM REP STATUS IN UNESCO AND WILL CONTINUE

TO DO SO. THE MEANS BY WHICH PERM REP STATUS FOR THE PLO IN UNESCO CAN BEST BE THWARTED ARE STILL BEING REVIEWED BY THE FRG FONOFF. ONE OF THE IDEAS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION IS TO INSIST THAT ANY ENTITY SEEKING PERM REP STATUS IN A SPECIALIZED AGENCY OF THE UN MUST FIRST HAVE SUCH STATUS IN THE UN ITSELF. OF COURSE, OUR SOURCE CONTINUED, THE FRG WOULD HOPE THAT THE PLO WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE SUCH STATUS IN THE UN. IN ANY EVENT, THIS STRATEGY IS ONLY AN OPTION CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE FRG FONOFF, AND WOULD HAVE TO BE ADOPTED BY THE NINE BEFORE BECOMING OPERATIVE. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE FRG WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE THE LEAD IN OPPOSING PERM REP STATUS FOR THE PLO ONLY IF GIVEN A GREEN LIGHT BY THE NINE. (INCIDENTALLY, WE GOT THE IMPRESSION FROM OUR CONTACTS OF SOME WORKING-LEVEL IMPATIENCE IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE WITH CURRENT ISRAELI REACTIONS TO UNESCO DEVELOPMENTS, WHICH OUR CONTACTS DESCRIBED AS "CHILDISH" AND UNHELPFUL FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF OPPOSING PLO PERM REP STATUS.)

3. THE FRG FONOFF EXPECTS TO FORMULATE ITS STRATEGY RE THE TUNISIAN PROPOSAL WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK TO 10 DAYS. WE SHALL, THEREFORE, FOLLOW UP ON THIS ISSUE NEXT WEEK. CASH

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